

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1514 – HB 1533**

February 6, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), each locally-governed institution (LGI), and the University of Tennessee (UT) to adopt policies allowing American Sign Language courses to satisfy the foreign language requirements for undergraduate degree programs by July 1, 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012738):** Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is additional language encouraging each institution to authorize American Sign Language (ASL) courses to satisfy the foreign language general education requirements for an undergraduate degree program, unless the institution, in its discretion, determines that a foreign language other than ASL should be required for an academic major.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on the information provided by TBR, each LGI, and UT, the adoption of policies to allow ASL to satisfy the foreign language requirement will be performed during the normal course of business and operations. Therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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